

George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy



Saturday School

Dear

THIRTY YEARS IN THE MAKING.

As many of you know, Saturday School has been helping students like Anna for decades. Thirty years ago, parents, educators and organizations around the country were concerned about the disparity in academic performance between groups of students. In Montgomery County, Maryland, local civic groups called on the community to help eliminate the "achievement gap" in education. Members of the MU NU Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity headed the call. Led by teacher, administrator and philanthropist George B. Thomas Sr., the Saturday School has grown from 21 children and 19 volunteers in 1986 to a multi-program organization that provides tutoring and mentorship to more than 3,000 students each year.

As the primary program of the Learning Academy, Saturday School provides extra support in reading, language arts, math and test-taking skills. Most of our students are from families with low income. *There is no other tutoring program in Montgomery County that provides both academic support and acceleration for free or at scale for families with low income.*

A NEW GENERATION OVER-COMING OBSTACLES.

For many students, it feels like the odds are against them. *With your support*, the Learning Academy helps students gain the skills and confidence to not just beat the odds, but to change the odds.

Which brings us to a crossroads. The action we take today will make an impact—not just on the lives of our students today, but in our future. Our goal is simple—to give all students the individualized support they need to catch up or move ahead at a pace that's right for them.

The caring and dedication of the teachers and staff of Saturday School makes a huge difference. *Our students tell us they feel safe to ask questions that were not answered during their weekday classrooms because the Saturday School class is small and teachers have the time to really listen.* In partnership with parents, teachers and volunteers, we have created a culture of success in which our students can excel for generations to come.



FROM STRUGGLING TO ACHIEVING.

Anna was struggling in math. She just wasn't getting Algebra. Her parents tried private tutors, but it was too expensive and not always targeted to what Anna was learning in class. Then she started Saturday School. "Because she could work on homework one-on-one with her Saturday School teacher, her grades improved," said Anna's mom Tracie. "More importantly, her understanding improved. Things began to 'click.' She got it. She went from struggling in Algebra to a student in Geometry. "Sat added. "Saturday was the jump to success," she said.

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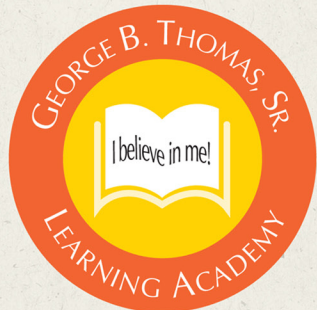
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